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(57) Abstract

A method of identifying one or a combination of ligands, e.g. oligonucleotides or analogues, that interact specifically with a target, e.g. a DNA or an RNA molecule having a secondary or tertiary structure. One ligand may be pre-reacted to open up the target for interaction with other ligands forming an array on a solid surface.

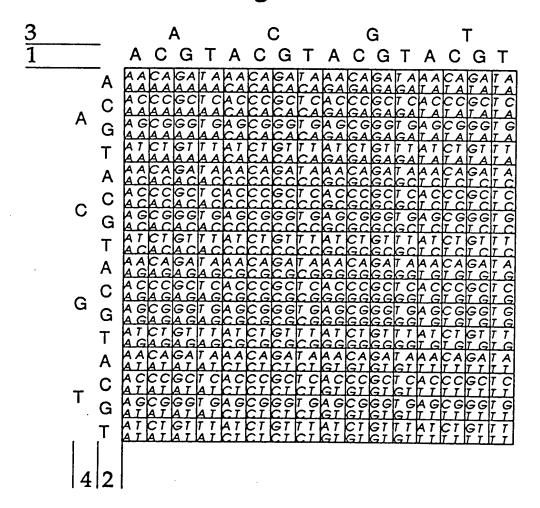
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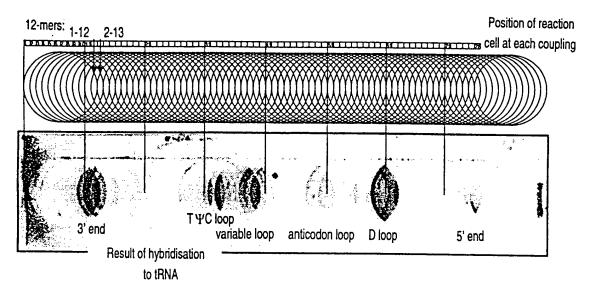


An array of all tetranucleotides

Fig.2a.

Analysis on scanning arrays

tRNAphe



HIV TAR

Fig.2b.

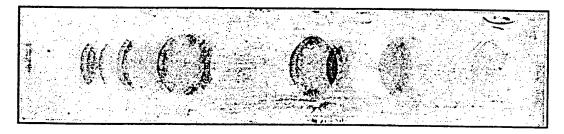
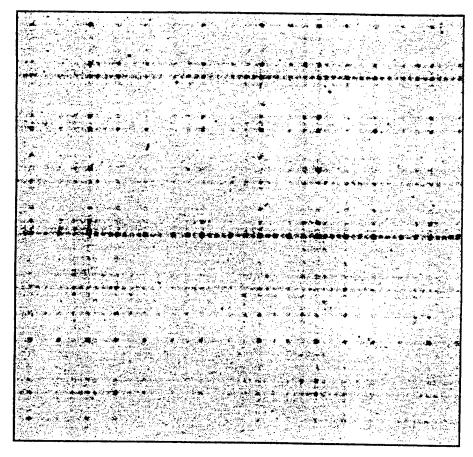
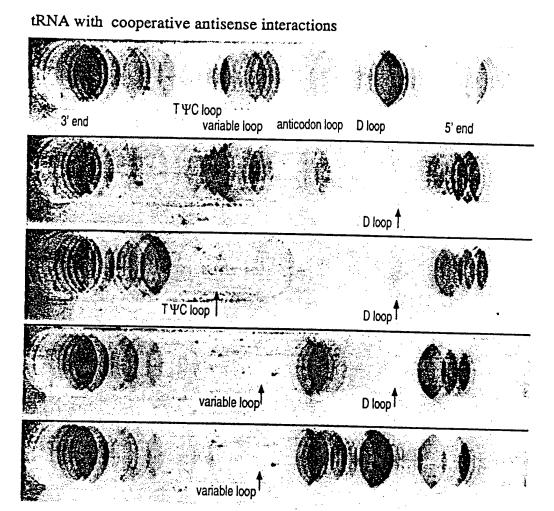


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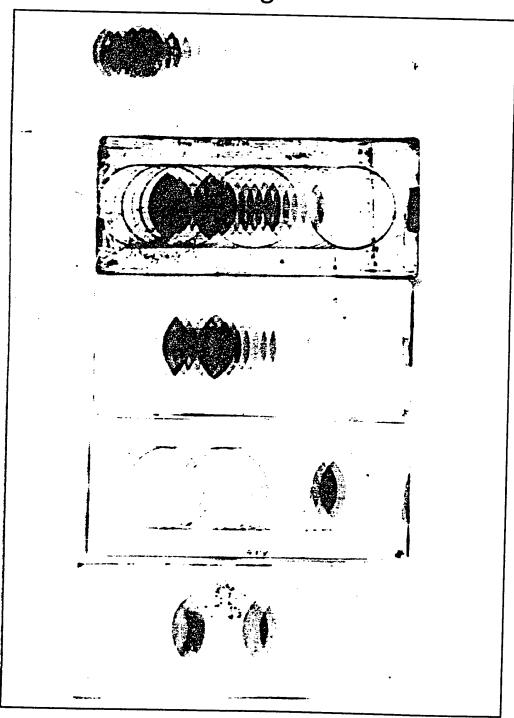
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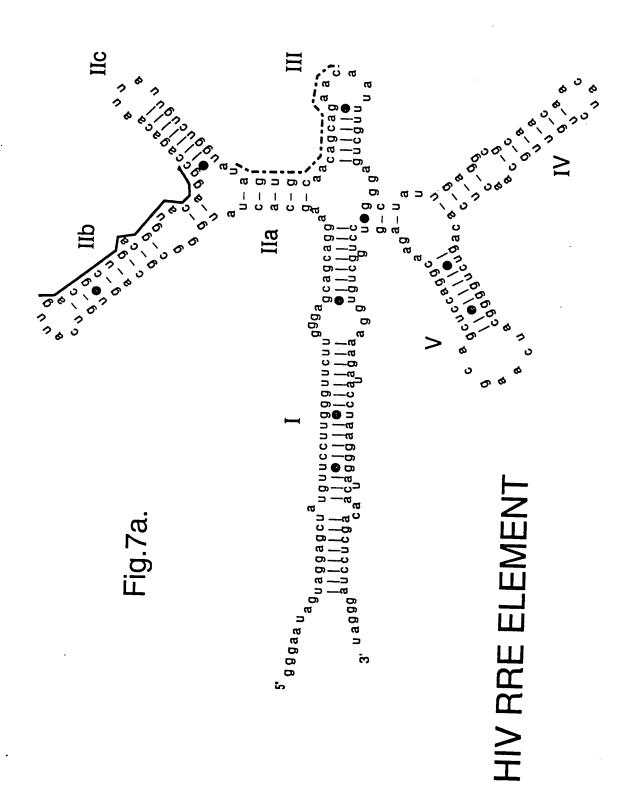
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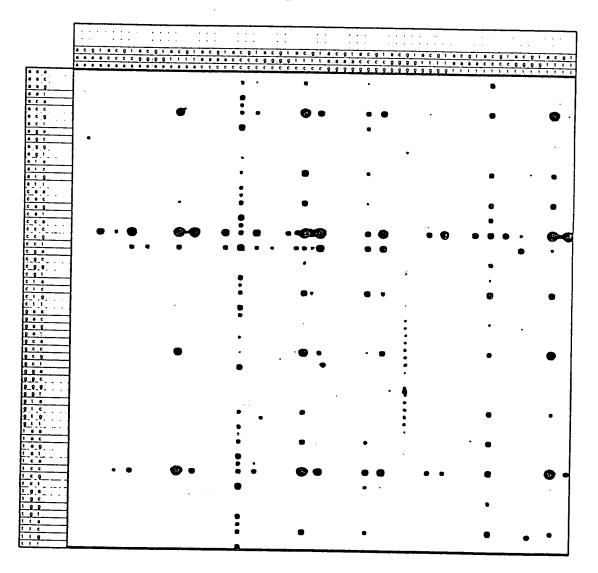
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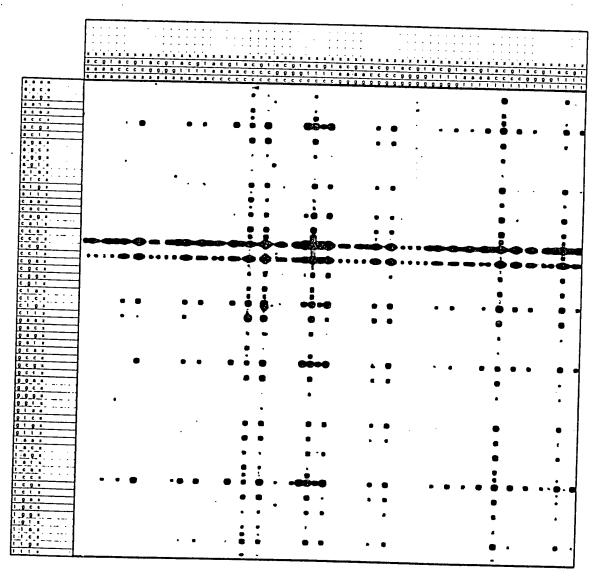
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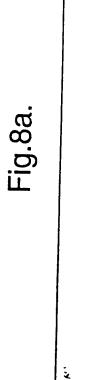
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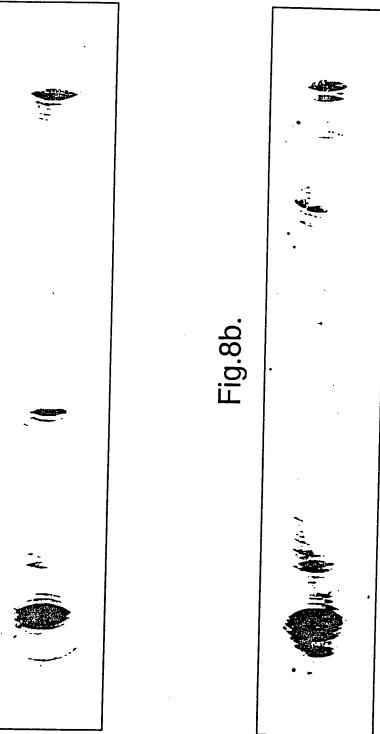


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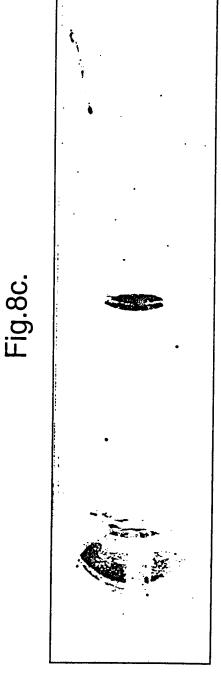
Fig.7c.







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Fig.9a.

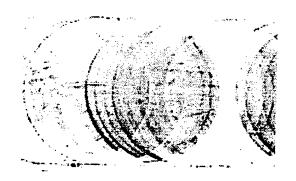
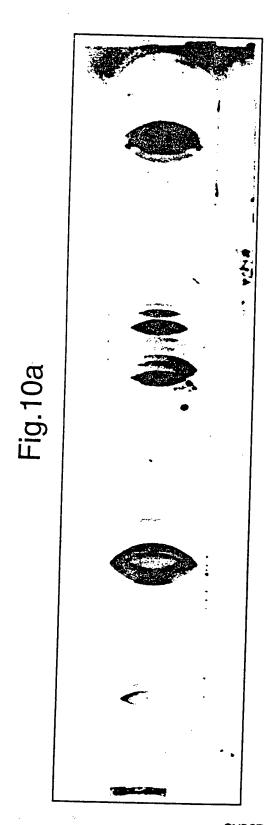
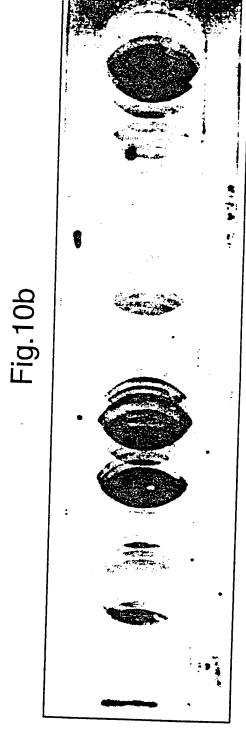


Fig.9b.



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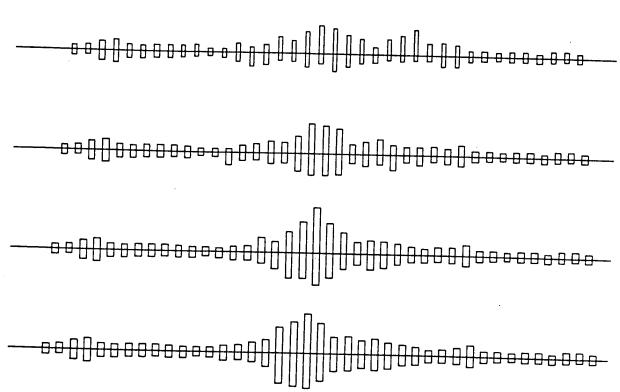


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Fig.11a

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Fig.11c.



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